

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus to download a main program from a memory card in a digital receiver. The digital receiver includes a central processing unit, a memory, a memory card interface, and a key input unit. The method executes a boot program to initialize the digital receiver, detects a memory card insert signal triggering a search of a file having an predetermined file extension in the memory card through the memory card interface, reads and stores the file in an auxiliary memory, reads a header of the file read having the predetermined extension, determines whether the file read is the main program, downloads the main program to the memory, and determines whether the main program is downloaded by checking information of the file recorded in the header and a capacity of the main program recorded in the memory.